

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 7 public bills, H.R. 3630–3636; 2 private bills, H.R. 3637–3638; and 6 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 190; and H. Res. 764–765, 767–769 were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors: Pages H9899–H9900

Report Filed: A report was filed today as follows:

H. Res. 766, providing for consideration of motions to suspend the rules (H. Rept. 111–264).

Pages H9871, H9898

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Holden to act as Speaker Pro Tempore for today.

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Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the Guest Chaplain, Reverend Dr. Martha Taylor, Elmhurst Presbyterian Church, Oakland, CA.

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Discharge Petition: Representative Walden moved to discharge the Committee on Rules from the consideration of H. Res. 554, amending the Rules of the House of Representatives to require that legislation and conference reports be available on the Internet for 72 hours before consideration by the House, and for other purposes (Discharge Petition No. 6).

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Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

Defense Production Act Reauthorization of 2009: S. 1677, to reauthorize the Defense Production Act of 1950;

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Providing for an additional temporary extension of programs under the Small Business Act and the Small Business Investment Act of 1958: H.R. 3614, to provide for an additional temporary extension of programs under the Small Business Act and the Small Business Investment Act of 1958, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nays vote of 417 yeas to 2 nays, Roll No. 726;

Pages H9819–21, 9843–44

Expressing condolences to the people and government of the Republic of China (Taiwan) in the aftermath of the devastating typhoon that struck the central and southern regions of the island on August 8, 2009: H. Res. 733, amended, to express condolences to the people and government of the Republic of China (Taiwan) in the aftermath of the devastating typhoon that struck the central and southern regions of the island on August 8, 2009;

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Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “Expressing condolences to the people and Government of Taiwan in the aftermath of the devastating typhoon that struck the central and southern regions of the island on August 8, 2009.”.

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Amending the United States International Broadcasting Act of 1994 to extend by one year the operation of Radio Free Asia: H.R. 3593, to amend the United States International Broadcasting Act of 1994 to extend by one year the operation of Radio Free Asia;

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Expressing the sense of the Congress that we honor, commemorate and celebrate the historic ties of the United States and the Netherlands: H. Con. Res. 178, amended, to express the sense of the Congress that we honor, commemorate and celebrate the historic ties of the United States and the Netherlands by recognizing the Quadricentennial celebration of the discovery of the Hudson River and the settlement and enduring values of New Netherland which permeate American society up until today;

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Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “Expressing the sense of Congress that we reaffirm the historic ties between the United States and the Netherlands by recognizing the Quadricentennial celebration of the discovery of the Hudson River and honoring the enduring values of the settlers of New Netherland that continue to permeate American society.”.

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Amending the Foreign Affairs Reform and Restructuring Act of 1998 to reauthorize the United States Advisory Commission on Public Diplomacy: H.R. 2131, amended, to amend the Foreign Affairs Reform and Restructuring Act of 1998 to reauthorize the United States Advisory Commission on Public Diplomacy;

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Supporting the goals and ideals of a decade of action for road safety: H. Con. Res. 74, amended, to support the goals and ideals of a decade of action for road safety with a global target to reduce by 50 percent the predicted increase in global road deaths between 2010 and 2020;

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Encouraging each institution of higher education in the country to seek membership in the Servicemembers Opportunity Colleges (SOC) Consortium: H. Res. 491, to encourage each institution of higher education in the country to seek membership in the Servicemembers Opportunity Colleges (SOC) Consortium;

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Recognizing and honoring Howard University School of Law's 140-year legacy of social justice: H. Res. 684, amended, to recognize and honor Howard University School of Law's 140-year legacy of social justice and its continued commitment to the training of capable and compassionate legal practitioners and scholars; **Pages H9831–33**

Acknowledging and congratulating Western Wyoming Community College in Southwest Wyoming on the occasion of its 50th anniversary: H. Res. 696, to acknowledge and congratulate Western Wyoming Community College in Southwest Wyoming on the occasion of its 50th anniversary of service to the students and citizens of the State of Wyoming, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ recorded vote of 418 ayes with none voting "no", Roll No. 729; **Pages H9833–34, 9854–55**

Congratulating the Wichita State University men's and women's bowling teams for winning the 2009 United States Bowling Congress Intercollegiate Bowling National Championship: H. Res. 455, amended, to congratulate the Wichita State University men's and women's bowling teams for winning the 2009 United States Bowling Congress Intercollegiate Bowling National Championship; **Pages H9834–35**

Fiscal Year 2010 Federal Aviation Administration Extension Act: H.R. 3607, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the funding and expenditure authority of the Airport and Airway Trust Fund and to amend title 49, United States Code, to extend authorizations for the airport improvement program; **Pages H9835–37**

Expressing condolences to the families of the individuals killed during unusual storms and floods in the State of Georgia between September 18 and 21, 2009: H. Res. 765, to express condolences to the families of the individuals killed during unusual storms and floods in the State of Georgia between September 18 and 21, 2009, and to express gratitude to all of the emergency personnel who continue to work with unyielding determination to meet the needs of Georgia's residents, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-and-nay vote of 421 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 724; and **Pages H9837–40, H9842–43**

Surface Transportation Extension Act of 2009: H.R. 3617, to provide an extension of Federal-aid highway, highway safety, motor carrier safety, transit, and other programs funded out of the Highway Trust Fund pending enactment of a multiyear law reauthorizing such programs, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-and-nay vote of 335 yeas to 85 nays, Roll No. 731. **Pages H9855–65, H9866–68**

Suspension—Proceedings Resumed: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following

measure which was debated on Tuesday, September 22nd:

John J. Shiven Post Office Building Designation Act: H.R. 2215, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 140 Merriman Road in Garden City, Michigan, as the "John J. Shiven Post Office Building", by a $\frac{2}{3}$ recorded vote of 423 ayes with none voting "no", Roll No. 725. **Page H9843**

Santa Cruz Valley National Heritage Area Act: The House passed H.R. 324, to establish the Santa Cruz Valley National Heritage Area, by a recorded vote of 281 ayes to 142 noes, Roll No. 728. **Pages H9840–42, H9844–54**

Agreed to the Bishop (UT) motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Natural Resources with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with amendments by a ye-and-nay vote of 259 yeas to 167 nays, Roll No. 727. Subsequently, Representative Grijalva reported the bill back to the House with the amendments and the amendments were agreed to. **Pages H9851–53**

Pursuant to the rule, the amendment printed in H. Rept. 111–263 shall be considered as adopted. **Page H9844**

H. Res. 760, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to by a ye-and-nay vote of 244 yeas to 177 nays, Roll No. 723, after it was agreed to order the previous question without objection. **Pages H9840–42**

Motion to Adjourn: Rejected the Simpson motion to adjourn by a ye-and-nay vote of 42 yeas to 355 nays, Roll No. 730. **Page H9866**

Motion to Adjourn: Rejected the Kingston motion to adjourn by a recorded vote of 50 ayes to 349 noes, Roll No. 732. **Page H9868**

Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, 2010—Motion to go to Conference: The House agreed to the Wasserman Schultz motion to disagree to the Senate amendment and agree to a conference on H.R. 2918, making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, after it was agreed to order the previous question by a recorded vote of 240 ayes to 171 noes, Roll No. 733. **Page H9869**

Rejected the Aderholt motion to instruct conferees on the bill by a ye-and-nay vote of 191 yeas to 213 nays, Roll No. 734. **Pages H9869–71**

The Chair appointed the following conferees: Representatives Wasserman Schultz, Honda, McCollum, Ryan (OH), Ruppertsberger, Rodriguez, Obey, Aderholt, LaTourette, Cole, and Lewis (CA). **Page H9871**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Seven yea-and-nay votes and five recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H9841–42, H9842–43, H9843, H9843–44, H9852–53, H9853–54, H9854–55, H9866, H9867–68, H9868, H9869, H9871. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 10:35 p.m.

Committee Meetings

EMPLOYMENT NON-DISCRIMINATION ACT

Committee on Education and Labor: Held a hearing on H.R. 3017, Employment Non-Discrimination Act of 2009. Testimony was heard from Representatives Baldwin and Frank of Massachusetts; Stuart J. Ishimaru, Acting Chairman, EEOC; and public witnesses.

AMERICA'S AFFORDABLE HEALTH CHOICES ACT OF 2009

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Met in open markup session to consider a motion by Mr. Dingell to instruct the Chairman of the Committee on Energy and Commerce to transmit to the Committee on Rules additional recommended amendments included in the motion for consideration, by the Committee on Rules and the House of Representatives, in connection with H.R. 3200, America's Affordable Health Choice Act of 2009, as previously ordered reported by the Committee on Energy and Commerce. The motion was agreed to, amended, by a roll call vote of 28–22.

FINANCIAL REGULATORY REFORM

Committee on Financial Services: Held a hearing entitled "The Administration's Proposals for Financial Regulatory Reform." Testimony was heard from Timothy F. Geithner, Secretary of the Treasury.

FINANCE REFORM REGULATOR PERSPECTIVES

Committee on Financial Services: Held a hearing entitled "Federal Regulator Perspectives on Financial Regulatory Reform Proposals." Testimony was heard from Sheila C. Bair, Chairman, FDIC; the following officials of the Department of the Treasury: John C. Dugan, Comptroller, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency; and John E. Bowman, Acting Director, Office of Thrift Supervision; and Joseph A. Smith, Jr., Commissioner of Banks, State of North Carolina.

DISCHARGING EDUCATIONAL DEBT IN BANKRUPTCY

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law held a hearing on

an Undue Hardship? Discharging Educational Debt in Bankruptcy. Testimony was heard from Representative Davis of Illinois; and public witnesses.

DISCHARGING EDUCATIONAL DEBT IN BANKRUPTCY

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Courts, Terrorism, and Homeland Security held a hearing on an Undue Hardship? Discharging Educational Debt in Bankruptcy. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MINORITIES IN THE ECONOMIC DOWNTURN

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Held a hearing entitled "The Silent Depression: How Are Minorities Faring in The Economic Downturn?" Testimony was heard from Raymond Skinner, Secretary, Department of Housing and Community Development, State of Maryland; and public witnesses.

PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF MOTIONS TO SUSPEND THE RULES

Committee on Rules: Committee granted, by voice vote, a rule authorizing the Speaker to entertain motions that the House suspend the rules at any time on the legislative day of September 24, 2009. The resolution applies to motions related to H.R. 3631, the "Medicare Premium Fairness Act".

CYBERSECURITY RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT AMENDMENTS

Committee on Science and Technology: Subcommittee on Research and Science Education approved for full Committee action a Committee print titled Cybersecurity Research and Development Amendments Act of 2009.

FINANCIAL REGULATORY RESTRUCTURING IMPACTS

Committee on Small Business: Held a hearing entitled "The Impact of Financial Regulatory Restructuring on Small Businesses and Community Lenders." Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

FAA'S AIRLINE SAFETY AND PILOT TRAINING

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Aviation held a hearing on the Federal Aviation Administration's Call to Action on Airline Safety and Pilot Training. Testimony was heard from J. Randolph Babbitt, Administrator, FAA, Department of Transportation; and public witnesses.

FEDERAL BUILDING SECURITY

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management held a hearing on